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Reports from financial agencies all concur that somewhat peculiar influences are affecting the general trade of the country at the present moment. It is the one of a transition state from a long period of demoralization and deadness in all lines of business, and the conception of a new departure. In all the relations of the country there is the voiced statement that the harvests of this year will be in every respect the most bountiful we have had for several years, and coming at this juncture it is calculated to loosen the strings of commerce and to give an impetus and vitality to every industrial or manufacturing concern. Owing to the fact that the coal trade is intimately bound up with such a forward movement of commerce, it is not surprising that the trade from thirty to sixty days from now.

The bargain counters of the great dry goods bazars of the large cities represent somebody's misfortune. The cheap, ready-made goods, sold for less than the retail cost of the material are put upon the market at the expense of the health and lives of the makers. The low priced fancy goods are brought from the foreign countries by a system of undervaluation and put in competition with the goods of the domestic merchants, and everybody hastens to get bargains. All these trade-movements are pressing business to a lower level, reducing the volume, decreasing the ability to pay, and degrading labor. If State, county and municipal governments would inaugurate some

"Sometimes Catholics and Protestants cannot agree on many of the various methods which concern our religious life, but in such an organization as it is proposed to establish, it does seem to me as though we might place ourselves on a common footing. I am heartily in favor of the idea."

"I would indorse prohibition at all times as a matter of sound public policy, but I do not feel like saying that looking upon the wine when it is red is a grievous moral offense, as by the ritual of our Church we must use wine in some of the sacraments."

Rev. William P. Haywood, of Sterling, declared that "earnest conviction of purpose is what we

of such reply? First: it should be ironic from beginning to end, and we should be careful that not one discordant note be struck. Second, it should be a grateful reply. The Pope should see that we are sincerely grateful to him personally for his letter; third, it should be an expression of our gratitude for this appeal, regarded as providence fourth, the reply should be a statement of high confidence of thought as that, in the name of the Pope has written; it should be as broad, as statesmanlike (if we may use that term), and as Christian as is that of the Pope. Fifth, it should contain strong expression of our personal desire for larger unity; Catholic priests and prominent ministers now live

"To him to mind up the great house  
 American citizenship? It must  
 be found on the fundamental  
 truths of religion. This cannot be  
 done when there is continual strif-  
 e and agitation.

"Reverend sir, I was born  
 in the grand old city of Boston. I  
 know what our public schools are  
 and God forbid that I should ever  
 antagonize them. Life, liberty  
 and happiness all hinges upon  
 the early training of the public schools  
 of America. Without the  
 America would be one vast desert  
 of illiteracy.

"This is an age of social, a  
 not of political progress. We  
 must constantly be in touch with  
 the great masses of people. Let  
 us all live to uplift and better the

The Illinois river was so termed from the Illini, a tribe of Indians on its banks. Another derivation is suggested in Isle aux Noix, land of Nuts. Several derivations more or less fanciful are suggested by the etymologists and geographers.

Calomel was discovered by Calvus in the seventeenth century and the first directions for its preparation were given by Bagaud in 1608. Its name is derived from two Greek words, signifying beautiful black, "because in preparation a black powder is the first step in the manufacture, being produced by rubbing mercury together with corrosive sublimate."

showing he had reformed and joined the church. The witness, who belonged to the same church, informed that as the defendant was not a Christian man of course his character was better. Counsel asked him, "Doesn't he drink just as much as he ever did?" The witness, who was colored and evidently embarrassed by the inquiry slowly raised his eyes and with much deliberation, "I can't do, but he carries it more than I."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Can't you hear another voice  
Loud, stronger than the baby's?  
Well, I can.

Did you ever move the dasher  
Of an old-time churche, my brother?  
Did you stir the milk and wonder  
At a foam like any angel's?  
Did you ever wish the cattle  
On a thousand hills were dead?  
Did you ever mix and mingle  
With the foam you see in beer?  
Well, I have.

Did you ever go a-fishin'!  
When your pa had said you mustn't.  
On the bank while "ketchin'" fish?  
Forget your pa and all his wisdom  
In the glompin, oh, my darlin',  
Did you weed your pa's back home  
With Poppy's banner for a brush?  
Did you dread the scree to come?  
Did you use the hickory switches?  
Did you long for richer bricker?  
Well, I did.



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The Times, Wilkesbarre, Pa., says:—It is well-known fact that the present demoralized condition of the coal trade and the inability of individual operators to mine coal except at heavy loss, is due entirely to the attitude of the Reading Coal Co., and its reckless mining of anthracite without regard to supply and demand. It claims that because of its ability to take on over 37 per cent of the entire production, it should be allowed to mine that much. Other companies, too, as well claim a larger percentage than they are getting on the same plea, because there is no single company or individual operator mining up to the full capacity of its or his plant, nor has there been for several years.







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